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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:	Lixiao Wang	Confirmation No.:	1834
Serial No.:	10/673,528	Art Unit:	3738
Filed:	September 29, 2003	Examiner:	William H. Matthews
For:	STENT WITH SMOOTH ENDS	Attorney Docket No:	10177-234-999
		CAM No. :	008563-999231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the non-final Office Action dated June 8, 2006, be extended for a period of two months from September 8, 2006, to and including, November 8, 2006.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$450.00. Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 7, 2006

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